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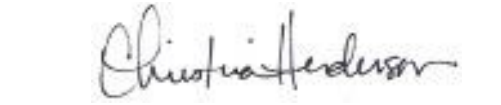
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30 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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35 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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40 To congratulate Reverend Graylan Scott Hagler on his retirement as Senior Minister of Plymouth
41 Congregational United Church of Christ in Ward 4 and to recognize his enduring
42 commitment to the causes of liberation and justice in the District of Columbia, nationally,
43 and globally.

44 WHEREAS, Reverend Graylan Scott Hagler was born March 1, 1954, in Baltimore, Maryland;

45 WHEREAS, Reverend Graylan Hagler attended public schools in Baltimore and received a
46 Bachelor's Degree in Religion from Oberlin College, Ohio, in 1976;

47 WHEREAS, Reverend Graylan Hagler graduated from The Chicago Theological Seminary in
48 1976 with a Master's Degree in Divinity;

49 WHEREAS, Reverend Graylan Hagler served Third Unitarian Church on Chicago's West Side
50 in the 1970s and founded Black and Latinos In Action, the first black and Latino coalition
51 in the city, which was instrumental in the election of Harold Washington as mayor of
52 Chicago, the city's first African American mayor;

53 WHEREAS, on February 3, 1980, Reverend Graylan Hagler was ordained into the United
54 Church of Christ (UCC);

55 WHEREAS, in 1981, Reverend Graylan Hagler was also recognized with full standing in The
56 Christian Church (Disciples of Christ);

57 WHEREAS, in 1980, Reverend Graylan Hagler founded the Church of the United Community in
58 Boston, Massachusetts;

59 WHEREAS, in 1992, Reverend Graylan Hagler moved to Washington, D.C., where he was
60 called to serve as Senior Minister of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in
61 the South Manor Park neighborhood of Ward 4;

62 WHEREAS, Reverend Graylan Hagler dutifully served the congregants of Plymouth
63 Congregational United Church of Christ for thirty years from September 1992 until his
64 retirement from pulpit ministry in September 2022;

65 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Reverend Graylan Hagler, Plymouth Congregational United
66 Church of Christ grew in membership and in community engagement, including
67 operating a food pantry for neighbors facing food insecurity and providing affordable
68 housing for District seniors;

69 WHEREAS, in addition to pulpit ministry, Reverend Graylan Hagler has pursued social, racial,
70 and economic justice through decades of spiritual activism, including involvement in the
71 international movement against apartheid in South Africa, leading local campaigns for
72 worker rights including raising wages for tipped workers, advocating for affordable
73 housing and prison reform, championing marriage equality for DC, speaking out for
74 Palestinian solidarity, working to end gun violence, and more;

75 WHEREAS, Reverend Graylan Hagler has served on the steering committee of the anti-war
76 organization United for Peace and Justice, as the National President of Ministers for
77 Racial, Social and Economic Justice, as chaplain for UNITE HERE Local 25, and as co-
78 chair of the Poor People's Campaign, a revival of Martin Luther King Jr.'s 1968 Poor
79 People's Campaign that has called on the conscience of the nation's leaders in state
80 capitals across the country to advance of economic justice and end racial discrimination;

81 WHEREAS, Reverend Graylan Hagler continues to be an outspoken advocate for social justice,
82 and human rights through his leadership of Faith Strategies, an interfaith group that unites
83 faith with labor for worker and community justice; and

84 WHEREAS, Reverend Graylan Hagler is a longtime Ward 4 resident who has been a constant
85 moral compass in the District of Columbia, inside and outside the church, for 30 years

and served his congregations in Chicago, Boston, and the District with integrity for more than 40 years.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Reverend Graylan Hagler Retirement Celebration Ceremonial Resolution of 2022”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and congratulates Reverend Graylan Hagler on the occasion of his retirement from pulpit ministry and celebrates his impactful career as a spiritual activist for equity and justice for the people of the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register